

## CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 - 49. (canceled)

1       50. (previously presented) A coffee machine comprising:  
2           a housing;  
3           an upper supply part on the housing and a lower supply  
4           part movable relative to the upper part between an upper position  
5           and a lower position;  
6           a container adapted to hold a charge of coffee grounds  
7           and fittable with the lower supply part;  
8           guide means on the housing and container including a  
9           slide and a pivot for displacement of the container between  
10           a coffee-making position fitted with the lower  
11           part and pressing the lower part into the  
12           upper position, and  
13           a loading/emptying position spaced from the  
14           lower part and tipped away from the lower  
15           part, whereby in the loading/emptying  
16           position coffee grounds can be loaded into  
17           or cleared out of the container, the  
18           container being separable from the housing  
19           in the loading/emptying position; and  
20           supply means connected through the upper supply part with  
21           the lower supply part for forcing a hot fluid through the coffee

22 grounds in the container only in the coffee-making position of the  
23 container.

1 51. (previously presented) The coffee machine defined  
2 in claim 50 wherein the pivot is below the slide.

1 52. (previously presented) The coffee machine defined in  
2 claim 51 wherein the guide means further includes a nonstraight  
3 guide along which the slide is displaceable.

1 53. (previously presented) The coffee machine defined in  
2 claim 50 wherein the container has a plurality of telescoping parts  
3 extensible to form an infusion chamber capable of holding the  
4 coffee grounds and fittable with the supply lower part and  
5 collapsible for clearing of the grounds from the chamber.

1 54. (currently amended) The coffee machine defined in  
2 claim 54, wherein the container has three such parts provided with  
3 A coffee machine comprising:

4 a housing;

5 an upper supply part on the housing and a lower supply  
6 part movable relative to the upper part between an upper position  
7 and a lower position;

8 a container adapted to hold a charge of coffee grounds  
9 and fittable with the lower supply part;

10                 guide means on the housing and container including a  
11                 slide and a pivot for displacement of the container between  
12                 a coffee-making position fitted with the lower  
13                 part and pressing the lower part into the  
14                 upper position, and  
15                 a loading/emptying position spaced from the  
16                 lower part and tipped away from the lower  
17                 part, whereby in the loading/emptying  
18                 position coffee grounds can be loaded into  
19                 or cleared out of the container, the  
20                 container being separable from the housing  
21                 in the loading/emptying position;  
22                 supply means connected through the upper supply part with  
23                 the lower supply part for forcing a hot fluid through the coffee  
24                 grounds in the container only in the coffee-making position of the  
25                 container;  
26                 a plurality of telescoping parts extensible to form an  
27                 infusion chamber capable of holding the coffee grounds and fittable  
28                 with the supply lower part and collapsible for clearing of the  
29                 grounds from the chamber; and  
30                 abutment means for sequential shifting of the parts on  
31                 movement from a collapsed position to an extended position.

1               55. (previously presented) The coffee machine defined in  
2 claim 54, further comprising

3               a clearing element that can sweep across one of the parts  
4 in the collapsed position for clearing the coffee grounds from the  
5 chamber.

1               56. (previously presented) The coffee machine defined in  
2 claim 54, further comprising

3               a latch lever for securing together the parts on  
4 separation of the container from the housing.

1               57. (currently amended) The coffee machine defined in  
2 claim 54, further comprising

3               [[first]] safety means for preventing operation of the  
4 supply means when the parts are improperly fitted to the lower  
5 supply part.

1               58. (currently amended) The coffee machine defined in  
2 claim 57 wherein the [[first]] safety means includes position  
3 detecting means on the housing for detecting the position of one of  
4 the telescoping parts.

1               59. (currently amended) ~~The coffee machine defined in~~  
2 ~~claim 50, further comprising second~~ A coffee machine comprising:  
3 a housing;

4           an upper supply part on the housing and a lower supply  
5           part movable relative to the upper part between an upper position  
6           and a lower position;

7           a container adapted to hold a charge of coffee grounds  
8           and fittable with the lower supply part;

9           guide means on the housing and container including a  
10          slide and a pivot for displacement of the container between

11          a coffee-making position fitted with the lower  
12          part and pressing the lower part into the  
13          upper position, and

14          a loading/emptying position spaced from the  
15          lower part and tipped away from the lower  
16          part, whereby in the loading/emptying  
17          position coffee grounds can be loaded into  
18          or cleared out of the container, the  
19          container being separable from the housing  
20          in the loading/emptying position; and

21          supply means connected through the upper supply part with  
22          the lower supply part for forcing a hot fluid through the coffee  
23          grounds in the container only in the coffee-making position of the  
24          container; and

25          safety means including spring-loaded teeth engageable  
26          between the housing and the container for preventing operation of  
27          the machine when the container is not in a position fitted  
28          perfectly to the housing.

1           60. (currently amended) The coffee machine defined in  
2 claim 59 wherein the second safety means include a cover engageable  
3 with the container and a switch operable by the cover when the  
4 cover engages the machine in the perfectly fitted position of the  
5 container.

1           61. (previously presented) The coffee machine defined in  
2 claim 50, further comprising  
3           means including a valve upstream of the supply means  
4 openable to supply water thereto.

1           62. (previously presented) The coffee machine defined in  
2 claim 61 wherein the valve includes a hollow valve body, a piston  
3 slidable therein, and formations and passages on the body and  
4 piston.

1           63. (previously presented) The coffee machine defined in  
2 claim 62 wherein the formations include three annular outwardly  
3 open grooves formed on the piston, the piston having an end face  
4 forming a variable-volume compartment with the valve body.

1           64. (previously presented) The coffee machine defined in  
2 claim 63 wherein the piston is formed with a first duct extending  
3 between one of the grooves and the compartment and a second duct  
4 extending between another of the grooves and the exterior.